The Council discussed the following application:

**22/01565/HOUSE Installation of four 6.0kW ground mounted solar panels at Thatches**

*Councillors discussed this application and considered the objection and support given to this application.*

*Councillors had no objections in principle to the erection of 4 solar panels within the designated area subject to the following:*

1. *Since the applicant has yet to obtain detailed advice from the perspective installer of the panels, a condition should be imposed requiring the subsequent prior approval by MDDC of a detailed location plan showing the exact siting of the proposed panels (not exceeding 4), the re-routed fencing, the location of hedging together with a technical specification including height and dimensions.*
2. *The panels should be sited within the designated area in a manner which is calculated to minimise the overall visual impact.*
3. *Apart from the re-routing of the existing fence to enclose the solar panels and the planting of hedges, as suggested by MDDC, a consideration should be given to creating sufficient space between panels and between the panels and hedges to allow for the ‘inter-planting’ of shrubs with a view to softening further the visual impact. If this is considered feasible, it may be necessary to allow for a small gate in the fencing and hedge on the side elevation of the designated area furthest from Garden House for the purpose of providing gardening access.*
4. *If technically feasible, the panels should have a matte finish*
5. *When the final detailed plan and specification are submitted to MDDC for approval the Parish Council would like the opportunity to comment further on the proposal.*